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SUBJECT: FRG TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF EAST
BLOC SHIPS

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1. FRG TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED
THAT THE FRG CABINET, ON APRIL 26, DECIDED TO REQUIRE
COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF ALL "STATE-TRADING" NATIONS
VESSELS CARRYING CARGO BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND
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THIRD COUNTRIES. NO DATE FOR THE COMPULSORY
REGISTRATION HAS BEEN SET, SINCE A CHANGE IN THE FRG'S
FOREIGN TRADE REGULATIONS WILL FIRST BE NECESSARY.

2. ADDITIONAL WEST GERMAN MEASURES AGAINST SOVIET
AND EAST EUROPEAN ENCROACHMENTS IN THE CROSS TRADES
WILL DEPEND UPON: 1) WHETHER THE SOVIETS AND EAST

EUROPEANS (PARTICULARLY POLAND AND EAST GERMANY)
CONTINUE THEIR RATE CUTTING IN THIS AREA; AND (2)
THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER FRG/USSR MOSCOW MEETINGS
ON SHIPPING.

3. IF THE MOSCOW TALKS ARE UNSATISFACTORY, THE WEST
GERMANS ARE PREPARED TO ENACT UNILATERAL LEGISLATION
LIMITING GERMAN PORT CALLS BY STATE-TRADING COMPANIES
VESSELS, BUT WOULD PREFER TO WORK WITHIN AN EC
FRAMEWORK. THE FRG IS, THEREFORE, LOOKING FORWARD TO
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE AT THE EC
COMMISSION'S TRANSPORT COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE.

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